



## *Act anent the recruiting the Armies.*

*S. Andrews. February 4. 1646.*



He Estates of Parliament now convened in the fifth Session of this first Triennall Parliament, Having upon consideration of the continuing troubles of this Kingdome, and of the condition of their Armies, both at home, and in England, bethought themselves of the duty which in the present conjuncture of affairs they owe unto God in defence of his Truth, against all opposition, and to this Kingdome (whom they represent) the maintenance of its Lawes and Liberties, according to the Covenant, Have thought it necessary, that the Armies within this Kingdome and in England, be recruited, strengthened, and inabled, so to prosecute the Warre this ensuing Summer, as by the blessing of God upon their endeavours, the long-lasting troubles of this Kingdom may end in an happy and safe Peace, which being so much desired by all good Christians and Countreymen, The Estates of Parliament have reason to be confident of their ready and cheerfull concurrence with their persons and fortunes in the way and mean for attaining the same, whereunto also (albeit Religion were not in hazard) the Kingdomes honour so much interessed, were of it self a motive strong enough to prevail with every true Scottish heart: And therefore have statute and ordained, that any Leavyes formerly appointed by warrant of the Parliament, Convention of Estates, or any Committee from them *respective*, or Run-aways from any Regiments, who have returned back to their Shires, and are now lurking in the same, be with all expedition put out and delivered to those Regiments unto which they are assigned by any Acts of Parliament, Convention, or Committee, or from which they are Run-aways, and that there be no neglect in the due execution hereof, The saids Estates Ordaines the Committees of War in ilk Shire *respective*, to be carefull herein, as one of the most speciall and necessary points of the trust committed unto them. And because the number of the saids Deficients and Run-aways will not be sufficient to make up the Ten thousand Foot, appointed to be entertained within, and for the service of this Kingdome, and also to strengthen and recrate the Armies in England; They have therefore statute and ordained, that a new Leavye of Foot to be layde on and raised out of the severall Shires and Burghs of this Kingdome, according to such proportions, and for the Recrues of such Regiments as shall be contained in the List to be made up by the Committee of Estates: And because upon the speedie and effectuall execution of this Ordinance (as the only probable humane means) so much dependeth all the honour



and happinesse of this Kingdome , The Estates of Parliament have thought fitting seriously to recommend to the Committees of Warre of the severall Shires, heartily and with publick spirits, over all difficulties, to adde unto the former, this new testimony of their resolutions, to pursue the ends exprest in their Covenant, with their lives, fortunes, and estates, and speedily to deliver their severall proportions of men, to such Officers of the aforesaid Regiments *respective*, as shall be appointed for receiving of the same from them. And further Statutes and Ordains , that the saids numbers of men appointed to be raised out of the severall Shires and Burghs, be in readinesse , and be delivered betwixt and the Tenth day of March next, to such Officers as shall be appointed by the Colonels *respective* foresaids for receiving of the same. And that betwixt and the said Tenth day of March, the Committees of Warre of the severall Shires, shall send some of their own number, fully instructed, to give an accompt of their diligence, both in putting out this new Leavy, and their former Deficients , unto the Committee of Estates.

*Alex. Gibsone Cler. Registri.*

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*S. Andrews. February 20. 1646.*

**T**He Committee of Estates taking to their serious consideration the condition of the Forces within and without this Kingdome, imployed for defence of Religion, and carrying on the Warre against the enemies thereof, and how necessary it is that the Forces be strengthened and put in an present posture, for prosecuting of this great Work, against all opposition , together with the List of a new Leavy remitted to them by the Estates of Parliament upon the fourth day of February instant, whereby the consideration of the number of the said Leavy, and application thereof, is by the Parliament remitted to the said Committee : and therewith taking to consideration the condition of the severall Shires within this Kingdome, and the necessity of raising the severall proportions of Foot after mentioned, out of the severall Shires, in manner , and to the effect after specified , Have Ordained, and Ordaines the number of Eight hundred Foot to be forthwith raised out of the Sherifffdoms of Roxburgh and Selkirk, for recruiting the Earle of Louthian, Master of Cranstoun, and Colonell *Scots* Regiments. Out of the Sherifffdome of Berwick six hundred, for recruiting the Laird of Wedderburne, and Colonell *Lodovick Leslies* Regiments, to be divided according to the former proportions which each of them had in their first Leavy, when the Laird of Aytoun lifted his Regiment. Out of the Sherifffdome of Haddingtoun three hundred, for recruiting the Lord Humbies Regiment, which with three hundred formerly put out by that Shire over and above their just proportion, makes six hundred for the present Leavy. Out of the Sherifffdome of Edinburgh six hundred , for recruiting the Master of Yesters Regiment. Out of the Burgh of Edinburgh six hundred,



dreth, for recruiting Colonell *Raes* Regiment, which proportion to be  
 levied out of the said Sherifffdome and Burgh of Edinburgh, is super-  
 ceeded till the next meeting of the Committee of Estates at Linlith-  
 gow. At which time the Gentlemen of that Shire, and Magistrates of  
 that Burgh, are ordained to be present, and heard upon their losses by  
 the Plague, that consideration may be had thereof, and course taken  
 thereanent. Out of the Sherifffdome of Linlithgow, two hundreth  
 threescore two, for recruiting the Earle of Callanders Regiment. Out  
 of the Sherifffdome of Drumfreis six hundreth, for recruiting of Kelhead  
 and Colonell *Er kins* Regiments. Out of the Sherifffdom of Wigtoun  
 and Stewartrie of Kircudbright six hundreth, for recruiting Colonell  
*Stewart*, and the Viscount of Kenmores Regiments equally. Out of  
 the Sherifffdome of Air and Ranfrew eight hundreth, for recruiting the  
 Earle of Cassils, and Lord Chancellours Regiments equally, according  
 to the bounds of their former divisions. Out of the Sherifffdome of La-  
 nerk six hundreth, for recruiting the Generall of the Artilleries Regi-  
 ment, whereof the Committee thinks fit to deduce two hundreth. in  
 regard of their over-charge. Out of the Sherifffdome of Stirling and  
 Clakmannan foure hundreth ninetie nine, whereof an hundreth for re-  
 cruiting the Earle of Callanders Regiment, and the rest for recruiting  
 the Lord Levingstouns Regiment. Out of the Presbyterie of Dum-  
 fermling (the rest of the Sherifffdome of Fyffe being eximied by reason  
 of their grear losses formerly sustained) two hundreth for recruiting  
 the Earle of Dumfermlings Regiment. Out of the half of the Sherifff-  
 dome of Perth foure hundreth, for recruiting the Laird of Freeland's  
 Regiment, but prejudice of former Companies appointed to be levied  
 out of that Shire, for recruiting of the Laird of Lawres Regiment, and  
 the Marques of Argyles new Regiment. Out of the Sherifffdome of  
 Forfar seven hundreth and fitty, for recruiting of the Lord Cowper,  
 Colonell *Mauld*, and Lieutenant-Generall *Bailies* Regiments. Out  
 of the Sherifffdome of Dumbartan and Bute three hundreth, to be joy-  
 ned to the Companies of my Lord Argyles Regiment, that are in Ber-  
 wick, Dundee, and Glasgow. Out of the Sherifffdome of Kincardin,  
 and the Earle Marshals part of Aberdeen six hundreth, for recruiting  
 the Earle Marshals Regiment. Out of the rest of Aberdeene and She-  
 riffdome of Bamff eight hundreth, to be equally divided betwixt *Lud-  
 guhanre*, and Colonell *Forbes*, for making up their Regiments; with this  
 provision, that if betwixt and the day of each  
 of their Regiments be not at, or above the strength of six hundreth  
 men, the same shall be imployed for recruiting and strengthening other  
 Regiments. Out of the Sherifffdomes of Elgin, Murray, and that part  
 of Innerneffe, on this side of the Nefle, five hundreth and fitty, whereof  
 foure hundreth for the Garrisons of Dundee, Monros, and Perth, the  
 rest for recruiting of *Sir James Lumfden's* Regiment. Out of the Earle  
 of Seaforth and Lord Lovats division of Innerneffe, five hundreth for  
 recruiting the Earle of Seaforths Regiment, or otherwise to be disposed  
 of, as the Committee of Estates shall think fit. Out of the Earle of  
 Sutherlands Division of Innerneffe and Caitneffe, eight hundreth, for  
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recruting the Earle of Sutherland and Lord Sinclars Regiments equally. Out of the Sherifdome of Peebles, two hundreth, for recruting the Master of Yesters Regiment. Out of the Sherifdome of Orkney five hundreth, for recruting Scottiscraigs Regiment. And for recruting the Lord Levingstouns Regiment, the remainder Run-awayes and Deficients of the Laird of Buchanans Regiment in Stirling Shire, together with that Company of Buchanans Regiment now in Innerneffe, to be brought out and joyned with the Lord Levingstouns Regiment, how soon the Recruits of the Laird of Laweres Regiment shall be brought to Innerneffe. And for the better and more speedy raising of the saids Leavies, The Committee of Estates Ordains the Committees of War of each Shire, to be assisting to the Officers of each Regiment, appointed to receive the saids Recruits, as they shall come and require the same. And Ordaines the saids Committees of War, to go effectually about the drawing together of the saids Leavies within their severall Shires, as they will be answerable to the Committee of Estates or Parliament, and to give an accompt of their diligence and proceeding herein to the Committee of Estates, betwixt and the Tenth day of March next to come, that thereafter such course may be taken with Deficients in this present Leavy, as the Committee of Estates shall think fit.

Loudoun *Cancellarius.*

*I. P. D. Com.*